

"Trial by Jury" And "Sorcerer" With Mr. Hopper

By Charles Darnton.

IF YOUR Gilbert and Sullivan education isn't completed by the time the flowers that bloom in the spring are neither here nor there, don't blame De Wolf Hopper. And while the commencement season is still in the hands of the tailor and the dressmaker it might be well to suggest that Manager Brady be given a degree—anything but the third.

But the dazzling, shimmering crown of cracked ice unquestionably should go to Mr. Hopper. Last night he swung himself easily into Gilbert and Sullivan's two most ancient comedies, "The Sorcerer" and "Trial by Jury," and if the first piece offered him little opportunity it at least put him in a position to command his own price with a circus as The Man in Front of

the Sideshow. What a man he would be for the job! Needless to say, he did everything in his power to make us believe in John Wellington Wells and that eloquent gentleman's love philter. The bitter truth is, however, that "The Sorcerer," in the light of to-day, seems old-fashioned, dull and amateurish, both in book and music.

It was interesting to see Digby Bell in his old part of Doctor Daly, the vicar who sings pensively of the days when he was a most promising curate in the eyes of fair maidens. Mr. Bell told us he first played the part thirty years ago, whereupon Mr. Hopper said that Mr. Bell had fished about it, and, to be historically correct, he fixed the time as thirty-four years ago, when, he added, with the smile of a cheerful liar, he was taken to the performance in a perambulator.

Well, anyway, there was "The Sorcerer," and we had to make the best of it—which is more than some members of the cast succeeded in doing. For one, Arthur Aldridge looked like anything but a guardsman, and while he occasionally sang melodiously, he put in most of his time shouting so violently that Natalie Alt's eardrums—to say nothing of our own—seemed in danger of utter destruction.

For her part, Miss Alt did very creditably. Marie Morgan was tremendously imposing as a Lady Bangsore of the dreadnought type, and she and Herbert Waterous, as Sir Marmaduke, put a very neat bit of work to their credit when they sang of the restraint that custom had put upon love. Alice McComb achieved a real characterization in the role of the aged yet susceptible Mrs. Fawcett. While Gladys Caldwell, as the daughter, too-hooded lustily.

"Trial by Jury" was distinctly a change for the better. It was in this so-called cantata that Gilbert and Sullivan really first caught step with each other. Last night's revival called to mind a London performance at which Mr. Gilbert sat as Associate.

The jury numbered among its members Anthony Hope, Gilbert Parker, Conan Doyle and other celebrated authors, while one of the bridesmaids was Miss Billie Burke. If you please, in his choice of celebrities, Manager Brady was, of course, more limited.

But Mr. Hopper was quite the best judge I have seen. His comic genius made the bench a throne of laughter. If he went out of his way to catch a line and regulated an electric fan that could be regarded only as an anachronism, he was something more than industrious. A funnier judge never looked up the word "burglar."

William Danforth was legitimately amusing as the Usher, and Mr. Aldridge sang and acted the Defendant with engaging lightness. But the role of the Plaintiff should have been given to Miss Alt instead of to Miss Caldwell. It is a part to which Miss Alt's charm would be peculiarly suited. And "Trial by Jury," as the management should know, is based on charm.

The feature of the Hippodrome's production this week is William Farnum in "The Plunderer." The movie is a presentation of a phase of Western life, and gives ample scope for the physical qualities of the "Superman" actor. There is a fight, thrilling and realistic in which nothing is used but fists and feet. Farnum swings himself into the thick of a score of yelling, howling, scrapping, striking miners. The moral of the story will doubtless find critics, but as a "picture with the punch" "The Plunderer" is there. A number of novelities interspersed a most interesting series of moving and living pictures.

"PICTURE WITH PUNCH"
FURNISHED BY FARNUM
AT THE HIPPODROME.

MONTE CARLO GIRLS
A VIVACIOUS LOT
AT OLYMPIC THEATRE

"The Monte Carlo Girls" took the Olympic Theatre by storm last night, and a right worthy commander was Harry Welsh, who led his band of rollicking followers through a series of crazily impossible situations, and then proceeded to bring them out safely in his own inimitable way.

Pretty little Dollie Morrissey "got to her audience at the start with her vivacious and engaging personality. The strongest feature of the show was the pretty chorus.

PROFLIGATE'S STORY FILLS THE SCREEN IN CROWDED VITAGRAPH.

It is doubtful if the Vitagraph Theatre has ever had a more absorbing dramatic film story on its screen than "A Price for Folly," which is being shown there this week. It concerns a profligate scion of a French noble house, who falls in love with a dancer. Its climaxes are intensely interesting. Antonio Moreno, as the worthless young man, does some excellent acting, and Edith Storey plays the role of the dancer very well indeed. The third chapter of "The Goddess" adds interest to the programme. "Mrs. Jarr and the Beauty Treatment" is the title of a new Roy McCordell comedy that is being shown this week. It is one of the funniest of the Jarr series. "Mr. Bink of Bohemia" is another deliciously amusing comedy. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew enact the principal roles in this one.

Capacity audiences have been the rule at the Vitagraph so far this week. Believing this fact to be, in a measure, to the interest-holding qualities of "A Price for Folly," the management may decide to continue this film at the theatre next week.

"THE LAND OF DYKES,"
A DUTCH COMEDY, AT
PROCTOR'S 5TH AVE.

A fifteen-minute comedy, "The Land of the Dykes," composed of singing and dancing, blended with unusually good scenery, which is laid in Holland, was presented last night at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre by Sam Chip and Mary Marlowe, assisted by their own company. Mary Marlowe won the audience when she sang "Just Because I Ate That Lemon Pie."

"Doc" O'Neill displayed his ability as a monologist, and "The Old Master," presented by Dan Burke and the Beauty Treatment, featuring Molly Fuller, was another hit of the evening. The third instalment of the Paramount Travel Series, in a trip through South America, with Walter Murray as the lecturer and guide, and a Charles Chaplin movie picture were also on the bill, which is worth while seeing.

**"BOOTLE'S BABY" AND
DELICATESSEN FARCE**
AT THE BROADWAY.

"Bottle's Baby," based on the story by John Strange Winter, is the feature of a very entertaining bill at the Broadway Theatre this week. Child films always appeal, but this one seems to touch the heart-strings a bit more than usual. A Weber and Fields comedy, showing these comedians at their tangled up in a delicatessen store, lends much fun to the programme, and there are many laughs in another comedy especially selected for this theatre. The "Broadway Animated Weekly News" feature opens the bill and there is a new edition of the Paramount South American Travel Series. A double number is made up of a Bray cartoon comedy called "A Stone Age Adventure" and "The Ruins of Ancient Rome." Next Saturday morning, Mary Pickford in "Cinderella" will be shown at the Broadway for the benefit of the children.

**THREE BIG FAVORITES
ON ONE STRIKING BILL
AT PALACE THEATRE.**

Three prime favorites of vaudeville audiences are on this week's bill at the Palace Theatre, and each received an enthusiastic welcome last night. Kitty Gordon, presenting again her former vaudeville success, "Alma's Return;" Bessie Clayton and her orchestra, offering an excellent dance and musical number, and Jack Wilson and Franklin Batie in their clever "Impromptu" review. Murray a combination that it is hard to excel in the favor of the "two-a-day" patrons.

The novelty of the bill is Allan Pinchard's new sketch, "The Meanest Man in the World." It is a clever little comedy, well acted by Mr. Pinchard and Miss Mary Dyer. Hans Kronold, cellist, offers a

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